

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement mailed September 14, 2007, Applicants provisionally elect with traverse Group I which encompasses Claims 1-14, drawn to a method of monitoring or modulating disease-associated activatory processes. The restriction requirement is respectfully traversed on the basis that the examination of each of the groups of claims would not be a serious burden on the Patent Office because of their close technological relationship. In order for a restriction requirement to be appropriate, there must be a serious burden on the Patent Office to search all of the inventions, and the inventions must be independent or distinct as claimed. For the foregoing reason, Applicants respectfully elect with traverse Group I (Claims 1-14).

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being submitted electronically, addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on October 15, 2007.

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The foregoing is submitted as a full and complete response to the Restriction Requirement mailed September 14, 2007. If there are any issues which can be resolved by telephone conference, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (404) 853-8081. No additional fees are believed to be due, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees due or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-5029.

Respectfully submitted,



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